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Listing of Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A filtration system for a floodable compartment having an interior wall between a water inlet and a water outlet, the filtration-device system comprising:
a filter adapted to be positioned at or near the water outlet to block filtered particles in water entering the floodable compartment via the water inlet from reaching the water outlet, the filtered particles comprising captured particles and uncaptured particles; ~~and~~
a strainer that surrounds the filter and comprising a first end to contact the filter and a second end to contact the interior wall of the floodable compartment to allow the water entering the floodable compartment from the water inlet to pass between the filter and the strainer before interacting with the filter, the strainer adapted to capture at least some of the uncaptured particles when the filter is removed from the water outlet; and
wherein the filter and the strainer are configured to allow all of the water passing through the filter to also pass through the strainer.

22. (Currently Amended) A filtration-device system in accordance with claim 21, wherein the strainer and removable filter are removable from the floodable compartment as a single unit.

23. (Currently Amended) A filtration-device system in accordance with claim 21, wherein the strainer includes a bag.

24. (Currently Amended) A filtration-device system for a floodable compartment having an interior wall between a water inlet and a water outlet, the filtration system comprising:

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a filter adapted to be positioned at or near the water outlet to block filtered particles in water entering the floodable compartment via the water inlet from reaching the water outlet, the filtered particles comprising captured particles and uncaptured particles; and

a strainer that surrounds the filter and comprising a first end to contact the filter and a second end to contact the interior wall of the floodable compartment to allow the water entering the floodable compartment from the water inlet to interact with the filter, the strainer adapted to capture at least some of the uncaptured particles when the filter is removed from the water outlet in accordance with claim 21, wherein the first end of the strainer contacts the filter at or near the water outlet.

25. (Currently Amended) A filtration-device system in accordance with claim 21, wherein the strainer includes a holding mechanism coupled at the second end.

26. (Currently Amended) A filtration-device system in accordance with claim 25[21], wherein the holding mechanism includes a handle.

27. (Currently Amended) A filtration-device system in accordance with claim 21, wherein the second end of the strainer includes a contact mechanism to contact the interior wall of the compartment.

28. (Currently Amended) A filtration-device system in accordance with claim 27, wherein the contact mechanism includes an expansion ring.

29. (Currently Amended) In a filtering system having a filter adapted to be positioned at or near a water outlet of a floodable compartment to block filtered particles in water entering the floodable compartment via the water inlet from reaching the water outlet, the filtered particles comprising captured particles and uncaptured particles, a straining device comprising:

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a strainer adapted to surround the filter and comprising a first end to contact the filter and a second end to contact an interior wall of the floodable compartment to allow the water entering the floodable compartment from the water inlet to pass between the filter and the strainer before interacting with the filter, the strainer further adapted to capture at least some of the uncaptured particles when the filter is removed from the water outlet, wherein the filter and the strainer are configured to allow all of the water passing through the filter to also pass through the strainer.

30. (Previously Presented) The straining device in accordance with claim 29, wherein the strainer further comprises a bag.

31. (Previously Presented) The straining device in accordance with claim 29, wherein the strainer further comprises an expansion ring connected to the second end.

32. (Previously Presented) The straining device in accordance with claim 29, wherein the strainer further comprises a holding mechanism.

33. (Previously Presented) The straining device in accordance with claim 32, wherein the holding mechanism includes a handle.

34. (Currently Amended) A filtration system for a floodable compartment having an interior wall between a water inlet and a water outlet, the filtration device system comprising:
filtering means for blocking filtered particles in water entering the floodable compartment via the water inlet from reaching the water outlet, the filtered particles comprising captured particles and uncaptured particles; and

straining means for allowing the water entering the floodable compartment from the water inlet to pass between the filter and the strainer before interacting with the filter, and for capturing at least some of the uncaptured particles when the filter is removed from the water outlet; and

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wherein the filtering means and the straining means are configured to allow all of the water passing through the filter to also pass through the strainer.

35. (Previously Presented) A filtration system in accordance with claim 34, wherein the straining means further includes a first end to contact the filtering means and a second end to contact an interior wall of the floodable compartment to allow the water entering the floodable compartment from the water inlet to interact with the filtering means.